

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN SYLVIA BOOKOUT-REINICKE**, on
January 27, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 80, HB 226, HB 369, 3/26/2003
Executive Action: HB 80, HB 250, HB 259, HB 280

HEARING ON HB 80

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE VERDELL JACKSON, HD 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JACKSON introduced HB 80 as a bill clarifies Section 1 of 61-10-206. This addresses ranchers and farmers that use their own trucks to transport their own farm products to market. This bill adds logs to the list of produce in Section 1 of 61-10-206.

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Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. JACKSON said, "I close."

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 80

Motion/Vote:

REP. STEINBEISSER moved that HB 80 DO PASS. Motion carried 12-1 with REP. SMITH voting no.

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HEARING ON HB 369

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE CINDY YOUNKIN, HD 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. YOUNKIN introduced HB 369 as a bill that will change how fines and fees are distributed. It allows the municipal courts to

purchase and install software that will make it simpler for the courts, take less personnel and save monies and time for the courts.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Robert Throssell, Montana Magistrates Association, who supports this bill. It will reduce costs for the municipal courts and increase the processing and record keeping fee for speeding tickets.

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Gordon Morris, Director, Montana Association of Counties. The counties support this bill for the above reasons. The counties noted two areas of possible conflicts, one is there is no effective date and maybe this bill should be coordinated with the bill by **REP. SCHOCKLY** that increases the court fees.

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Steve Wade, Montana Collectors Association. The association shares the concern about the effective date.

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. YOUNKIN closed with a short summary of the testimony and suggested the committee amend the bill for an effective date and add coordinating language with the **REP. SHOCKLEY's** bill.

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HEARING ON HB 226

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE KIM GILLAN, HD 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GILLAN introduced HB 226 to establish a driving licensing program for Montana teens. This bill would impose some restrictions on new teenage drivers. The Graduated Driving Licensing Program is in effect in forty or more states. The program has reduced teen deaths by about thirty percent.

EXHIBIT(trh17a01)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Mike McGrath, Attorney General, supported the Graduated Drivers Licensing Program.

EXHIBIT(trh17a02)

EXHIBIT(trh17a03)

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Tom Beck, Governor's Policy Advisor, expressed the Governor's support of this bill.

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William Muhs, President, MADD Program in Gallatin County. MADD from Bozeman supports this legislation.

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Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association, supports this bill.

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Connie Lange, Bozeman resident, supported this bill and presented the statistics for teen deaths throughout the United States.

EXHIBIT(trh17a04)

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Linda Hill, a mother, shared her experience with teen drivers. She supports this bill.

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Sami Butler, Montana Nursing Association, supports this bill.

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Jim McGrane, Helena Middle School Teacher who teaches drivers' education. The Drivers Education Association supports Graduated Driving Programs.

EXHIBIT(trh17a05)

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Elaine Sliter, Miller Brewing Company. Miller Brewing Company strongly supports this bill.

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John Munk, Stevensville teacher, supports this law.

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Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance, echos the previous support.

EXHIBIT(trh17a06)

EXHIBIT(trh17a07)

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Jim Ahrens, Montana Highway Association. MHA supports this bill.

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Steve Yeakel, Director of Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health supports this bill.

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Charles Brooks, Yellowstone County Commissioners are in support of this bill.

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John Smith, Columbus teacher, stated his support for this program.

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Rick Chiotti, Office of Public Instruction submitted written testimony in support of this bill.

EXHIBIT (trh17a08)

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Mark Taylor, Anheuser Bush Company, supports this bill.

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Tom Daubert, Montana Traffic Education Association, supports this bill and was available for any assistance or questions.

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Opponents' Testimony:

Larry Chambers, Helena Area Coalition of Home Educators. Home Educators Coalition had several concerns with this bill and were not in favor of being told how to teach their children to drive.

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REPS. BERGREN, DEVLIN, GALLIK, SMITH, OLSEN and **BOOKOUT-REINICKE** questioned **REP. GILLAN**.

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. GILLAN closed with a summary of the statistics and asked for a do pass on the bill.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 250

Motion/Vote: **REP. BERGREN** moved that **HB 250 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 259

Motion/Vote: REP. ROME moved HB 259. Motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 280

Motion/Vote: REP. ROME moved that HB 280 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:45 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (*trh17aad*)